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Patentability Search Results

This invention is directed towards a system and method of dispensing dog biscuits in an orderly fashion.

After consulting the current classification manual and associated definition, I searched in the classes of 73, 119, and 222 for systems and methods of dispensing large particle, solid items.

The pertinent prior art is as follows. The cited art is attached.

1. 3,568,893 - Becker - This patent sets forth a dispensing system that includes a predetermined portion size, gravity feed system, and a lever and spring mechanism. Attention is drawn to Figure 3.
2. 4,376,499 - Ostergaard - This patent sets forth a dispensing system that includes a predetermined portion size, gravity feed system, and a lever/spring mechanism. Attention is drawn to Figures 3 and 4.
3. 4,770,125 - Gold et al - This patent sets forth a dispensing system that includes rotating actuation, spring return, and gravity feed. Attention is drawn to Figures 1 and 2.
4. WO 88/07324 - Gold et al - This document sets forth a dispensing system that includes rotating actuation, spring return, and gravity feed. Attention is drawn to Figures 1 and 2.